

State Advisory Council for Exceptional Children (SACEC)

Membership List

Name	Represents	Term Expiring
Anita Dowd	Executive Staff Advisor for the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Represents individuals with disabilities or exceptional needs	June 30, 2019
Julie Rubemeyer	Teacher with the Dayton Independent School District Represents parents of an exceptional child ages birth through 12 years	June 30, 2019
Bill Greer	Division Vice President for marketing with Atmos Energy Represents parents of an exceptional child ages 13 through 26 years	June 30, 2019
Anna Light (Vice Chair)	Special education teacher with Rockcastle County Schools Represents Elementary Special Education Teachers	June 30, 2019
Eric Umstead	Professor at Murray State University Represents higher education members that prepare special education teachers	June 30, 2019
Libby Suttles	Executive director of Wilderness Trace Child Development Represents private sector providers of programs for exceptional children	June 30, 2019
Jessica Duenas	Special Education Teacher with Jefferson County Public Schools Represents middle or secondary special education teachers (to replace Donald McCormack)	June 30, 2019
Amber Barnes	Job placement specialist with the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	June 30, 2020

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	Represents individuals with disabilities or exceptional needs	
Melissa Knight	President of Farmers National Bank of Lebanon Represents members meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act	June 30, 2020
Amy Folker	Insurance policy analyst for the Kentucky Department of Insurance Represents members meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act	June 30, 2020
Leisa Hutchison	Speech/language pathologist instructor at Western Kentucky University Represents members meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act	June 30, 2020
Tricia Gibbons	Former service learning coordinator and volunteer coordinator Represents members meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act	June 30, 2020
Danny Hughes	Wildlife biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Represents members meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act	June 30, 2020
Brandi Hitzelberger	Chair of the KSB Advisory Board Represents members meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (to replace Stephanie Knipper)	June 30, 2020
Kim Chevalier	Assistant superintendent for Walton-Verona Independent Schools	June 30, 2021

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	Represents public school administrators of programs for exceptional children	
Carey Cockerell	Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice Represents members affiliated with juvenile correction or transitional services	June 30, 2021
Ravonne Sims	Warden of the Roederer Correctional Complex Represents members involved with adult corrections	June 30, 2021
Gretta Hylton	Associate Commissioner, Office of Special Education and Early Learning/KDE Represents state agency members involved with the financing or delivery of services to children with disabilities	June 30, 2021
Barry Lee (Chair)	Director of special education for Casey County Schools Represents members of the vocational, community or business organizations concerned with the provision of services to disabled children	June 30, 2021
Brent Hutchinson	Executive director of the Hindman Settlement School Represents members of private schools or public charter schools	June 30, 2021
Christopher Johnson	Special Advisor to the Governor of Kentucky Representing child welfare agency members responsible for foster care (to replace Adria Johnson)	June 30, 2021

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